

State of North Carolina



BEVERLY EAVES PERDUE
GOVERNOR

MULTIPLE BIRTH AWARENESS WEEK

2012

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, according to the National Center for Health Statistics, the 2009 twin birth rate was 33.2 per 1,000 live births, and the triplet or higher order birth rate was 153.5 per 100,000 live births; and

WHEREAS, incidents of twin and higher order births have increased since 1980; and

WHEREAS, increased use of fertility drugs has contributed to an increase in multiple births in recent years; and

WHEREAS, twins and higher order multiples and their families often face unforeseen challenges, including premature births, low birth weight, cerebral palsy, incomplete separation, maternal anemia and stillbirth; and

WHEREAS, families of multiples often face lifestyle changes that are unique to multiple births, including financial and emotional challenges that come with raising two or more children of the same age; and

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina joins Charlotte Mothers of Multiples and other interested agencies and organizations in recognizing the special concerns and needs of multiple births;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BEVERLY EAVES PERDUE, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim July 22-28, 2012, as **"MULTIPLE BIRTH AWARENESS WEEK"** in North Carolina, and commend its observance to all citizens.



BEVERLY EAVES PERDUE

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in Raleigh this nineteenth day of June in the year of our Lord two thousand and twelve, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirty-sixth.